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SUBJ: TERMINATION OF EVACUATION STATUS

1. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR GATES AUG. 25 (WASH. TIME), THE POST IS REQUESTED, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, TO INSTRUCT ALL EVACUEES TO RETURN TO PEKING. IF CASES SUCH AS BURGESS FAMILY UNIT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND INVOLVES SOME MEDICAL CONSULTATION, PRECLUDE RETURN AT THIS TIME, POST SHOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE ABSENCE FROM POST TO MEDICAL EVACUATION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICATION. THE DEPARTMENT'S FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST IS TO TERMINATE EVACUATION COSTS, WHICH ARE CHARGEABLE AGAINST A SPECIAL ALLOTMENT, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER DRAINS ON THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

2. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FIRM UP TOTAL COST ESTIMATES CONSISTING OF TRAVEL FROM PEKING TO TOKYO AND FROM TOKYO TO MANILA (DESIGNATED SAFEHAVEN POINT), AND RETURN TO PEKING, AND SCOLA COSTS INCURRED AND IDENTIFIED BY INDIVIDUAL FAMILY UNITS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE EMBASSY

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REPORT BY TELEGRAM TO BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 (WASHINGTON TIME). IT IS ESSENTIAL THIS
INFORMATION BE RECEIVED BY THE STIPULATED DEADLINE SO THAT

THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR BUDGET AND FINANCE CAN
MAKE APPROPRIATE CALCULATIONS OF CHARGES AGAINST THE
SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

3. NO CHANGE IS ENVISIONED IN THE COST-ESTIMATING WHICH
CHARGED THE DE WIRE TRAVEL TO R AND R RATHER THAN EVACUA-
TION OR THE AQUAVELLA TRAVEL WHICH WAS CHARGED TO THE
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT. KISSINGER

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